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Michigan Annual Crop Summary

Many growers had a great crop year, with record dry bean production and record corn and soybean yields, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The harsh winter and cool spring delayed planting, but the mild and wet growing season provided excellent conditions for crops. Harvest was behind schedule and prolonged for many producers, but most experienced record yields for the 2014 season. Some highlights of the Crop Production Summary are as follows:

Michigan's average corn for grain yield was 161 bushels, up 6 bushels from last year and a record high. Grain production was a record as well, at 356 million bushels. Both the yield and production exceeded the previous records set in 2013. Silage yield, at 20.5 tons per acre, was up 3.0 tons from last year.

Soybean yield, at 43 bushels, was down 1.5 bushels per acre from last year. Soybean harvested acres at 2.14 million acres was up 220,000 acres from last year. Production, at 92.0 million bushels, was up 8 percent from 2013.

Sugarbeet yield, at 29.4 tons per acre, was up 3.2 tons per acre from last year. Production, at 4.41 million tons, was up 10 percent from 2013. Acreage harvested, at 150,000 acres, was down 2 percent from last year.

Dry bean production in the State totaled 4.75 million hundredweight, a 45 percent increase from the previous year and a record high. Yield per acre was 40 pounds more than 2013, and acreage harvested was up 73,000 acres which resulted in a significant increase in production. Dry bean growers reported above average yields even with the excess precipitation during the growing season.

All hay production was 2.57 million tons, up 2 percent from last year.

Nationally, corn for grain production is estimated at a record 14.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but 3 percent above the revised 2013 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at a record high of 171.0 bushels per acre. This is down 2.4 bushels from the November forecast but 12.9 bushels above the revised 2013 average yield of 158.1 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 83.1 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 5 percent from the revised 2013 acreage.

National soybean production in 2014 totaled a record 3.97 billion bushels, up slightly from the November forecast and up 18 percent from 2013. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 47.8 bushels, 0.3 bushel above the November forecast and 3.8 bushels above the 2013 yield. Harvested area is up 9 percent from 2013 to 83.1 million acres and is the highest on record.

Crop Summary, Michigan and United States: 2012 - 2014

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Beans, dry						
Planted 1,000 acres	200	175	250	1,743	1,360	1,719
Harvested 1,000 acres	197	172	245	1,690	1,316	1,666
Yield.....Pounds	1,790	1,900	1,940	1,889	1,867	1,753
Production.....1,000 cwt	3,526	3,270	4,749	31,925	24,576	29,206
Corn, all						
Planted 1,000 acres	2,700	2,600	2,550	97,291	95,365	90,597
Corn, grain						
Harvested 1,000 acres	2,380	2,230	2,210	87,365	87,451	83,136
Yield.....Bushels	132.0	155.0	161.0	123.1	158.1	171.0
Production..... 1,000 bu	314,160	345,650	355,810	10,755,111	13,828,964	14,215,532
Corn, silage						
Harvested 1,000 acres	300	350	320	7,419	6,281	6,371
Yield.....Tons	15.5	17.5	20.5	15.7	18.8	20.1
Production..... 1,000 tons	4,650	6,125	6,560	116,148	118,296	128,048
Hay, all						
Harvested 1,000 acres	970	940	980	54,653	57,897	57,092
Yield.....Tons	1.88	2.68	2.62	2.14	2.33	2.45
Production..... 1,000 tons	1,820	2,518	2,570	117,072	135,002	139,798
Peppermint						
Harvested 1,000 acres	900	700	(D)	75,700	68,500	63,100
Yield.....Pounds	60	60	(D)	87	89	90
Production..... 1,000 lbs	54	42	(D)	6,549	6,115	5,692
Spearmint						
Harvested 1,000 acres	1.7	1.7	(D)	20.0	24.5	24.4
Yield.....Pounds	70	70	(D)	119	119	114
Production..... 1,000 lbs	119	119	(D)	2,386	2,926	2,784
Soybeans						
Planted 1,000 acres	2,000	1,930	2,150	77,198	76,840	83,701
Harvested 1,000 acres	1,990	1,920	2,140	76,144	76,253	83,061
Yield.....Bushels	43.0	44.5	43.0	40.0	44.0	47.8
Production..... 1,000 bu	85,570	85,440	92,020	3,042,044	3,357,984	3,968,823
Sugarbeets						
Planted 1,000 acres	154	154	151	1,230	1,198	1,162
Harvested 1,000 acres	153	153	150	1,204	1,154	1,147
Yield.....Tons	29.0	26.2	29.4	29.3	28.4	27.4
Production..... 1,000 tons	4,437	4,009	4,410	35,224	32,789	31,386